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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

My constituent, Mr. Gerry Young, has contacted me with a concern regarding the FCC and its decision to allow MariTEL Inc. to purchase valuable spectrum, over the Coast Guard's objections in 1998, for \$6.8 million.

As part of the federal Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002, the Coast Guard is required to implement new anti-terrorism rules by July 2004. In order to be compliant, the Coast Guard needs this valuable spectrum owned by MariTEL, which it now values at \$20 million. The Coast Guard would use this radio frequency for a sophisticated vessel-tracking system to improve port security.

I understand that the FCC is currently considering several possible resolutions to this matter, one of which would be voiding the original sale. Any new information you can provide me regarding this dispute would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



James C. Greenwood

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